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MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR

ARE COMING

MERRIER AND HAPPIER

New Holiday Goods

AT

NEW PRICES.

SKATES,

An endless variety from 50cts to \$7.50

Plated Ware,

Spoons, Knives.

Ivory and Rubber Handle

Forks,

Table Casters.

Fruit Knives,

Napkin Rings

Pocket Knives

Tea Bells

Tea and Coffee Pots.

An examination of our stock and prices
will satisfy the most skeptical that
we are selling goods

CHEAP.

F. W. AMES,

At the old Brick Hardware Store, Mon
mouth Street, opposite City Hall.

Titusville, Dec. 10, 1886

Titusville Morning Herald.

FOR PRESIDENT,
Gen. Ulysses S. Grant,
OF ILLINOIS.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
Calusha A. Crow,
OF PENNSYLVANIA.
Subject to the Decision of the Republican
National Convention.

A CHRISTMAS CHILD;

OR,

How Luke Norris's Heart was Softened.

Luke Norris's home was not an attractive look
ing spot. And yet the large old house stood
among broad fields and far extending orchards,
and the great barns told of abundant harvests
which must have been gathered in. The stables
were filled with sleek, well fed cattle and every
thing spoke of the prosperity of the owner. You
could not help thinking how delightful it would
be to see a merry band of party filling the great
granery on some bright October evening, and
what rare sport for laughing children to ride and
tumble in the fragrant hay on the ample mow.
But a look at the house would convince you that
children were never seen there, and no young
people would ever think of making it their place
of meeting. It was dark and gloomy and years
ago the weather beaten walls had lost their color
ing of paint. In the bright summer days the
door never stood invitingly open, and no vines
twined about the lower porch and waited their
rich store of fragrance into the house. In the
long winter evenings no bright light shone from
the windows to greet the passer by and call
up pleasant pictures of a happy group clustered
about its glow. The whole place wore a forbid
ding look, and the very beggars instinctively
shunned it. The doors were always closed, and
windows always heavily shuttered. No light
was ever seen except the faint gleam from the
kitchen where to night Luke Norris sat bending
over the embers on the hearth.

He was not unusual in his aspect to the
house. A tall, spare man, some sixty years of
age, it might be with hard, strongly marked
features, and grizzled, shaggy hair. A man from
whom you would expect no pleasant smile or
cordial greeting. If you met him—a slight nod,
at most to show that he was conscious of your
presence. His housekeeper, an old woman
with bent form and hair that told of life of toil
and many hardships, went silently about, bowed
with some little task. People sometimes wonder
ed that he retained her for she was growing old
and Luke Norris, a hard worker himself
was not a man to be indulgent to his servants.
But old Hannah suited him. She had lived with
him for years and he was used to her. She knew
his ways, and never troubled him with attempts
to make him talk—a thing he was not fond of
doing. Day after day she plodded on silently
and uncomplainingly in her monotonous round
of toil, and at evening he rather liked to hear
the click of her needles, as she sat beside the fire
with her unflinching knitting. That was usually
the only sound that broke the silence for night
bore never dropped in to sit and chat with him—
and the workman on the place chose to stick
more genial homes. So he and old Hannah had
the great house to themselves, and year after
year had sat silently together through the even
ings.

Luke had always led a lonely life. More than
fifty years ago he had been brought to the village,
an orphan child. Perhaps before that time he
might have known something of a boy's life,
but it had been so long ago, it had been so long
ago, that it was as if it had never been so. It had
all been crushed out years ago. He had found a
home with a stern, hard, graying man, who had
kept the boy at a distance. With no soothing
influence about him, he, too, had grown up hard
and stern, with no ambition but to lay up wealth,
no dream of the future but to look forward to
the time when he might count his broad acres
and gain a place among the wealthy men of
the village. And he had realized his dream. By
unrelenting toil and rigid frugality, year after
year he had added to his store, till he was now
the owner of the best farm in the county, and
was hinted mysteriously at large sums of money
simply invested. But that was only conjecture,
for Luke was a man who kept his own counsel.
He had gained his ends, and yet he was not a
happy man.

It was Christmas Eve, but he was not in a
pleasant mood. In all the gladness of the season
he had no part. It was his duty to have a
holiday home. He did not see the use of it. He
was his own master, and he would do as he pleased.
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It had tried his temper, too, that an appeal had
been made to him for charity. He hated to be
asked to give. He had made his way in the world
himself, he said, and asked aid from no one.
Why could not others do the same? It was not
often that any one ventured to apply to him, he
was so well known, but to day one of his neigh
bors had come to ask him for John Leslie, a
man who once had worked for him but had
turned away to take up another occupation.
Now he was ill and would hardly be able to work
for months. It was Christmas time, the man had
said, and it seemed only right that they should
help him and his little family to struggle through
the winter. Christmas again! What was Christ
mas time to Luke? He had always told Leslie
he was a fool to go into the new work, but he
had not taken his advice. Why should he expect
aid, or of him now? But that was the way with
men. They would not listen to their more
sensible neighbors, and then when they got into
trouble, they looked to them for help. A man
might waste all his strength if he would attend
to them. So he had turned away.

And yet he liked Leslie, to after his own
fashion, and he could not forget how long he
had known the children, long, just as long ago, and
how plucky and blue they had been, and how
scenty their clothing had looked. Their little
red hands were filled with excitement, and he had
heard the boy telling how they would make a such
pretty wreath with them for John Leslie, though
they could not have any Christmas presents, and
the youngest—a little creature—had wondered
why Santa Claus would not come to them as
he did to the other children, she did so wish
that he would bring her the beautiful doll she had
just seen in the shop window. And her two her
s had begged her not to talk about it, in fear, per
haps, that she would look so grave. Luke thought of
the children's talk now, and though it would never
have occurred to him to regret anything he had
done, yet he could not help feeling a little un
comfortable.

To change the current of his thoughts, he rose
to light a lamp and set about mending some gar
den tool, and as he did so he fancied he heard a
low, wailing cry. At first he thought it might be
the sighing of the wind, but as he listened it
came again and again, and at length he went
from the house to see what could be the cause.
The moonlight fell on the snow-covered ground,
making every object distinct. Near his door he
saw a little child bending over a dark figure on
the ground, and calling plaintively, "Mamma!
Mamma!" As he approached she correctly head
ed him, and never ceased her monotonous cry, still
plucking at the dress of the unconscious woman.
What should he do? Mr. Grant thought was to
procure assistance and take her to the Alms
House. But when he looked at her again, and
saw how ill she evidently was, not even he could
have the heart for that. No other house was
very near. There was no help for it, and he lit
ed her, and bearing her into his home, comfort
ed her to the best of his power. A blanket was
brought, and she was laid on a bed. Luke was a
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